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SUBJ: BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR MPLA

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT INDICATIONS THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS FAVOR MPLA IN ANGOLA. FOURTH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) DEC. 17 UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION "RECOGNIZING" MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. DELEGATES REPORTEDLY STRONGLY CONDEMNED "INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN POWERS" AND CALLED ON OAU AND UN TO ASSIST IN ENDING WAR.

2. SEVERAL DAYS AFTER BPC RESOLUTION, JOHANNESBURG STAR CONDUCTED RANDOM SURVEY OF BLACK OPINION ON SUBJECT. OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF BLACKS INTERVIEWED SAID THEY SUPPORTED MPLA. ONE PERSON COMMENTED, "WE SEE THE MPLA AS A KEY TO OUR OWN LIBERATION." ANOTHER STATED THAT THOSE "OUTSIDERS" BACKING FNLA-UNITA ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN WEALTH OF ANGOLA, NOT WELL-BEING OF ITS PEOPLE. OTHERS ACCUSED SOUTH AFRICA OF BEING INVOLVED TO PROMOTE ETHNIC DIVISIONS AS IT DOES IN SA ITSELF.

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3. AT RECENT MEMORIAL SERVICE IN BLACK TOWNSHIP OF  
ATTERIDEVILLE AT WHICH CHIEF BUTHELEZI WAS PRINCIPAL  
SPEAKER, AMBASSADOR FOUND IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH  
BLACK LEADERS CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR MPLA. CON GEN  
GUTHRIE REPORTS FINDING SAME ATTITUDE IN TALKING TO  
REPRESENTATIVE BLACKS FROM SOWETO.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN  
SUPPORT FOR MPLA IS DIRECT RESULT OF SAG SUPPORT FOR  
FNLA-UNITA. THE GUT REACTION OF MANY BLACKS IS TO VIEW  
WITH GREAT CYNICISM AND DEEP SUSPICION ANY LINE WHICH SAG  
FOLLOWS AND, IN MANY CASES, RESULTS IN LARGELY UNQUESTIONING  
SUPPORT FOR WHOMEVER THE GOVERNMENT OPPOSES.  
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